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In re Application of :  
G. Balan, Donald, D. Balan, Aldea, and DeSouza :  
Application No.: 10/051,284 :  
Filed: January 22, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No: 45401-56 :  
For: HYDROGEN GENERATING APPARATUS AND :  
COMPONENTS THEREFOR :

DECISION ACCORDING  
STATUS UNDER  
RULE 47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 1, 2003.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

A "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application" ("Notice") was mailed to petitioner on February 26, 2002, indicating that petitioner neglected to file a proper oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. The Notice also advised petitioner that a \$65.00 surcharge was also due because a proper oath or declaration was not timely filed. The Notice set forth a period of reply of two months from the mailing date of the Notice and indicated that extensions of time for reply were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). On August 26, 2002, petitioner filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), which was dismissed by a decision mailed March 14, 2003. The instant renewed petition was filed on April 1, 2003.

By statements and documentary evidence, petitioner has established inventor DeSouza unavailable to join the above-cited application. The above-cited application is, therefore, accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

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LETTER

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Dear Mr. DeSouza:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under provisions of 35 U.S.C 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application, you will be designated as a joint inventor.

As you are a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19), or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney, at (703) 305-0010. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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